

PITH AND POINT.

—The bravest Knight Templar shows the white feather when on parade.—*N. Y. News.* But he bears his cross and acts on the square and is forgiven.—*N. O. Picayune.*

—Washington has "comet parties." "A good idea, by Jupiter," says young Spinks; "for the boys can now planet to get the girls away from their Mars."—*Norristown Herald.*

—A ten o'clock glass of hot whisky is called a night-cap, because it goes to the head. And a few more of the same will go to the legs. Then we suppose you'd call it a foot-pad.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

—A rural dame entered a rolling mill the other day and asked if they kept rolling pins. She was accompanied by her husband, who wanted to purchase a field roller. This is reliable, if true.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

—A sad-eyed man, says Bill Nye, the other night fell out of his bed into the aisle of a Pullman car and skinned his knee. He now claims that he was lame from his berth. When he passes Carbon he will be hung by request.

—"No one shall kiss his or her children on the Sabbath or fasting days," was an old Connecticut blue law. Herein we see the origin of going Sunday night to kiss the grown up children of other people.—*Boston Globe.*

—A chan in Canada recently exploded two pounds of powder in the water to kill fish, but after coming down from a trip over the nearest trees, followed by the splinters of his skiff, he decided that the old fish-pole way was the safest.

—"Annie," said a fond husband to his wife, "what were the current expenses of last month?" "Oh," she answered, "only twenty-eight cents." "Why, how was that?" "Well, you see, I only baked cake twice, and therefore used very few currants."—*N. Y. Herald.*

—First young man: "Well, did you make the acquaintance of that strange girl you were raving over?" Second ditto: "Yes; followed her home." First M.: "How did she strike you?" Second ditto: "She didn't at all; she got her big brother to do it."—*Philadelphia News.*

—Speaking of William Penn, it would have been a great disappointment to the Philadelphians if he had entered that city two hundred years ago by way of the Pennsylvania Railroad instead of coming up the river in a boat. All the display on the river front would have been spoiled. This shows what a thoughtful man Penn was.—*Norristown Herald.*

—Jones was riding, and saw a board nailed upon a post in the yard of a farmhouse, with a sign painted on it, "This Farm for Sail." Always ready for a little pleasantry, and seeing a woman in checked sun-bonnet picking up an apron full of chips at the woodpile in front of the house, he stopped and asked her very politely when the farm was to sail? She went on with her work, but replied to his question instant: "Just as soon as the man comes along who can raise the wind."—*New Haven Register.*

Cultivating Weeds.

Appropos of the popularity of this weed, the daisy, for so the farmers regard it, a scheme is suggested to some farmers by D. G. Croly to undertake the systematic cultivation of weeds. The most valuable plants were once weeds, and have become useful to man by careful cultivation. Even rye at one time in history was as useless to man as the Canada thistle or the yellow dock weed. The vegetable food of the race has been developed out of apparently useless plants. Why not then test the possible hidden virtues of the noxious weeds which now do so much to increase the labor of the farmer? This is too large a subject to go into here, but a few thousand dollars might be well spent in carefully cultivating the seeds of the best known varieties of weeds. They were not created for nothing, and it is man's business to find out the hidden purposes of the Deity, or at least to test all things and hold fast to that which is good.—*Demorest's Monthly.*

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